



MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING
FOR THE CITY OF LEESBURG

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2009, 4:30 P.M.

The Historic Preservation Meeting for the City of Leesburg held their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. in City Commission Chambers at City Hall. The following members were present:

Robert Bone, Chairman
Mitch Smallwood
John O'Kelley
Paige Chassie
Jane Sewell

City staff present included Director Bill Wiley, Planner Mike Miller and Debbie Blair, serving as board secretary.

Interested parties included City of Leesburg City Manager Jay Evans and Project Manager, Glen Howard

Approval of Minutes – July 16, 2008

Paige Chassie made a motion to approve the minutes for July 16, 2008. Jane Sewell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously without discussion.

New Case Discussion

107 N. 12th Street

The applicant is requesting demolition of all structures from the Historic Preservation Board.

Bill Wiley noted a letter received from the City of Leesburg Building Official, Jay Connell, dated January 30, 2009. There were numerous deficiencies that support the above request. A letter received from Mark Cook Builders, Inc. dated March 30, 2009 was also noted stating that renovation of the existing structures would not be cost prohibited.

Robert Bone asked if there is a mortgage on the property.

Jay Evans responded, yes there is still an existing mortgage on the property.

Robert Bone – How much is the current mortgage for and is the mortgage holder aware of the demolition?

Jay Evans – Off the top of my head, over \$100,000 around \$130,000. The mortgage holder has been notified, but has not responded. It appears the property has been abandoned. There has been no response from any of the notified properties.

John O’Kelley – No reason to object to the request.

Paige Chassie – What is the roof made of?

Glen Howard – Most of the roof is metal, but there is asbestos in the front portion of the structure.

Mitch Smallwood – What is the approximate cost of the demolition?

Glen Howard – Approximately \$10,000

John O’Kelley made a motion to approve the request for demolition. Jane Sewell seconded the motion which carried 5 to 0.

General Information

Bill Wiley went over Historic District Applications that were approved by staff since the last meeting. Robert Bone had concerns with the administrative approval of the metal re-roof on 221 N. 1st Street. Something of this nature should be looked at closely to determine the era of which the original structure was built to ensure that the roof design pertains to the style of the building structure.

Restoration Sign

Jane Sewell made a motion to recommend that 1100 Herndon Street receive the Historic Restoration Sign for the month of April. Paige Chassie seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Discussion

Bill Wiley brought up Beacon College. They are currently in the progress of trying to find someone to relocate the current historical house used as their office to another location within the historic district so that they are able to redevelop the current location. They are looking to move the home back to Magnolia and then building an “L” shape building around the structure on the remainder of the property.

Bill Wiley also noted that a new board member is needed. There is a vacancy that needs to be filled.

Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the Historic Preservation Board is on April 22nd and is to be determined on an as needed basis.

Jane Sewell made a motion to adjourn at 5:32PM.

Robert Bone, Chairman

Amber Demott for Debbie Blair
Administrative Assistant II